





# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Monday Morning, June 7, 1869.

As the first journal in the Colony to chronicle its advent, so we have consistently continued to support Confederation as our ultimate destiny, and the true solution of all our difficulties, but we have carefully avoided attributing to this consummation any exaggerated or imaginary advantages basing all our calculations on such benefits as we could calculate upon from opinions already expressed by Canadian statesmen, and estimating the position of this Colony from its real value to the Confederacy. We deprecate any tendency to mislead the public on a subject of such paramount importance; there are numberless subjects of minor consideration that afford more appropriate material for fancy sketches in the realms of fiction, and any one who would attempt to deceive this community by pretending that we shall ever have a Free Port on this Island as a consequence of Confederation, is either unacquainted with the subject of which he treats, or perfectly careless as to how he insults the intelligence of the commercial men of this city. Every one who has bestowed the slightest attention upon Canadian politics must be aware that the *vezata questio* with Nova Scotia has been the tariff; and if a population of nearly 400,000 people have been unable to alter, or modify in the least, the application of the Canadian Customs laws, how, in the name of common sense, can we hope for any special favours with a population of 10,000? Our readers must be aware that the late gigantic struggle in the United States had tariff for its real origin; the abolition of slavery was an afterthought. Such a privilege as a Free Port accorded to us—however necessary to our commercial advancement—would be in opposition to all the rules of fiscal policy as followed in Great Britain, Canada, or the United States; and in pressing upon our people the necessity for action, we can hold out no hope that a Free Port under Confederation is attainable. Differential duties, if allowed at this end of the Dominion would be claimed at the other end, and although it is desirable that British Columbians should be as nearly as possible a unit in favor of Confederation, we do not propose to delude a man into the belief that if they will but raise their voices in favor of Union they will receive certain privileges which are not accorded to the people of any other part of British America. Neither do we propose to lay down Free Port as the *sine qua non* of our joining the Dominion. Our real advantages as an integral portion of the Dominion will arise from our forming the Pacific end of that great empire, and the fact that the interoceanic railroad must debouche here. Through this Colony must pass the immense manufacturing exports of England to India, China and Japan, and from these several countries will pass their wonderfully rich products that are now so necessary to mankind. Our lines will carry the goods for Europe to a hundred millions of people, where the lines through the United States will not supply over the half of that number; the return traffic will involve the supply of five times that number, a great portion of whom are British subjects. The United States have striven nobly for this enormous prize, but "the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong." Our cousins have all the honor due to the first attempt at a great enterprise, but we strongly suspect that we shall pocket the greater part of the profit. We shall construct our line with all the knowledge acquired at the expense of the people of the neighboring republic, because the Pacific Railroad has been paid for in a great measure out of the public funds, and will never pay interest on the outlay, setting aside any possible repayment of the principal except through the taxes collected from the additional population attracted to the vicinity of the railroad, in hope of profiting in some undefined way from the traffic. On the British American line, the traffic will increase with every twenty miles of rail laid. The flood of immigration will flow continually along the whole course of the line, settling up the country and making profitable traffic without reference to through freight and passengers. The carrying trade of a great nation is awaiting the construction of the line, which will be hurried to completion whenever the work is commenced, which will be soon. Our great advantage will be, that our laborers will all be civilized men and settlers

along the line; that the money paid for wages will go into the pockets of a thrifty population, and be laid out in improvements on the land, which will enrich the country and the railroad proprietors at the same time that it is creating homesteads for the people. Our resources in mineral and agricultural wealth will be steadily developed; and a good, industrious and orderly population will pour in upon us to make the welkin ring with the merry song of well-rewarded labor. Our prospects are too bright to require any gilding; romance will have a fruitful field by-and-bye. If the cause is a good one it is worth fighting for upon its own merits. Although there can be no objection urged to the insertion of a Free Port clause in our "basis of agreement," we can hold out no hope that that clause will meet with the approval of the Canadian Government. We deem it our duty to speak thus frankly; for it is evident that any attempt at deception upon the part of the advocates of Confederation would be prejudicial to the cause by ultimately arraying against it the wealth and intelligence of the Colony.

## The Condemned Indian.

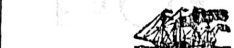
EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The more closely I investigate the evidence against, and the more seriously I try to arrive at a conclusion concerning the innocence or guilt of the Indian now under sentence of death, the more decidedly am I compelled to think that we are about to take the life of a poor, helpless being who may, notwithstanding all that was brought against him in Court, be as guiltless of the crime for which he is condemned as the Judge who spoke his doom. Had the accused person been a white man, his superior knowledge, his acquaintance with dates, might have enabled him to prove an alibi on the day on which the murder was committed; but this poor savage, innocent of the knowledge of dates, whose smallest division of time is into two seasons, summer and winter, and surrounded by associates who are as ignorant as himself, is utterly powerless to offer defence against what may easily be the result of a clever yet malignant conspiracy on the part of wily Indian enemies. Who that knows anything of the cunning nature of Indians will dare to say that it is not possible that the evidence given by the accusing Indian was correct in every particular save that one point of charging the accused with having done the foul deed? May not he have witnessed the whole transaction exactly as he rendered it, except that some one of his own blood relations was the man who accompanied him in the canoe, and afterwards performed the barbarous action, the more effectually to screen whom this poor fellow has been put forward with the success (in my opinion) so much to be regretted? I know the condemned Indian to be an intelligent man, and he is admitted to be so by all who know him. I hold it, therefore, to be simply absurd to think that he was "stammering sick" to avert suspicion, while he retained in his possession articles he knew to have been the property of the murdered man. Indians make no such mistakes, are liable to permit no such oversight. Under circumstances analogous to that in which he is said to have been placed, they possess a firm calculating coolness that enables them to carry out their plans with a deliberation that effectually prevents such a mistake occurring. In this respect, Indians quite put in the shade the most hardened and cultivated criminals among white men, who sometimes astonish us by the revelation of the completeness of their schemes to avoid detection. It seems to me then, that to be guilty of the retention of the murdered man's effects, if he were the murderer, was to be amazingly untrue to his own nature, and that of every Indian in our land. During the length of time that has elapsed since the murder was done, there can have been no difficulty in the way of the accuser or his friends getting those articles, said to have been the property of the deceased, into the possession of the condemned, even by such roundabout means as (with our inefficient power to investigate a thing of the kind) to prevent us even detecting a single clue to the transaction. Altogether there seems to me to be so much to cause a man to doubt the guilt of this poor savage, that I cannot but think that it would be wrong, very wrong, to send him thus prematurely to join his fathers in the hunting fields he believes to lie beyond the setting sun.

W. SMITH.

BEN BUTLER'S DANDER UP.—At Gloucester, Massachusetts, lately, Gen. Butler made a speech on the occasion of decoration of the graves, in which he inveighed bitterly against the conduct of England during the rebellion, and declared that we will teach our children by these green mounds which cover their fathers, how England sought to strangle free government at its birth, and how during the late rebellion she added to the wrong. He would enforce upon them the duty of demanding reparation and to keep alive more and more in the hearts of the people the remembrance of the injuries they received; and since England has become part of this occasion, because these men lost their lives in a war encouraged and prolonged by England's endeavors to destroy the Republic.

## New Advertisements.

### FOR PORTLAND,



#### THE STEAMSHIP

GEO. S. WRIGHT,

CAPT. LANGDON,

Will leave the Hudson Bay Co's Wharf on next TUESDAY June 8th, at 12 o'clock noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply ON BOARD.

#### VICTORIA WHALING ADVENTURER'S COMPANY (Limited.)

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at Smith's Room, 6 Verment Street, (THIS DAY) Monday, at 3 o'clock, June 7th, 1869.

Business of the greatest importance will be laid before the meeting, and every shareholder is requested to attend.

By order of the Board of Directors, J. KRIEGER Secy. ary.

## NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO INFORM his Friends and the Public that he has taken the GROCERY STORE lately occupied by Mr. Pollock, at the corner of BROAD and PANDORA Streets, where he hopes by strict attention to Business to have a share of the Public patronage.

HENRY CHILD.

32 Fresh Milk Twice a Day &c

## Buckeye

### Mowers & Reapers

#### BUCKEYE MOWERS, Pitts' Threshers.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENT for the above Machines, I shall keep a full supply on hand

EDGAR MARVIN.

Just Arrived and more on the Way!

#### WM. DALBY, YATES STREET.

HAM RECEIVED FROM ENGLAND per Steamer California,

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

#### LADIES' and GENTS' Riding Bridles, Whips

#### Spurs, &c.

And would respectfully call the attention of the inhabitants of Vancouver Island, British Columbia and Puget Sound to take a look at the following prices, and take a look at his Goods, as he can confidently say he can sell a better article for less money than any other house in the City. He will not be undersold.

Ladies' Riding Bridles from	\$2 50 upwards
Gents' " "	2 00 "
A Good Saddle Bridle	1 75 "
Round Riding Martingales	2 00 "
Racing Spurs	1 25 "
Hunting do	1 25 "
A Good Spur	50 "
Malacca Hunting Whips	2 00 "
Gut do Plated & Brass Hooks	3 00 "
2 & 4 Horsewhip Lashes	50 "
Buggy Whips	1 50 "
Riding Whips	25 "
Leather Back Horse Brushes	2 00 "
Wooden	1 00 "

## —ALSO—

Concord Team Harness, plated hames	\$55 00
do do plain hames	45 00
Short Fly Double Harness	32 00
Single Buggy do from	25 00
Double Buggy Harness, round traces	75 00
Mexican Saddles	20 00
English do hog skin seat and skirts	20 00
Concord Collars, from \$3 to \$5	
Concord Harness, Hook do, Clip do, Mexican Saddle Trees, Wooden Stirrups, Slashes, Girths, Halters and Halter Chains, Dog Collars and Chains, Hickory Whip Stalks, Best Whalebone Whip Stalks, Roller, Girth, Rein and Halter Web, Buckles, plated, tinned and japanned, Saddlers' Silk, Mane and Curry Combs, Cards, etc., etc.	

#### HARNESS LEATHER, APERAJON, BRIDLES, LEATHERS, &c.

#### TRUNKS, VALISES, Etc.

Ladies' and Gents' Sole Leather Trunks made to order.

In fact if you want anything in my line give me a call.

Parties in the Trade supplied at a Liberal Discount.

#### WHOLESALE or RETAIL.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO DIRECT.

#### THE NORTH PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION Co's Steamer

California,

Will leave Esquimaux for San Francisco at 10 a. m. on THIS DAY.

For Freight or Passage apply to R. BRODRICK, Agent.

#### THE GREATEST TREAT OF THE SEASON!

#### STRAWBERRIES AND ICE CREAM

AT "THE RICHMOND."

GREEN PEAS, NEW POTATOES, AND all the delicacies of the season, Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinners always to be got at the shortest notice.

J. H. M. & CO.

#### S. MAW & SON,

Manufacturers of

#### Surgeons' Instruments,

INFANTS' FEEDING BOTTLES, LINT, &c., &c.

And Dealers in all kinds of

#### DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES

And

#### APOTHECARIES' WARES,

11 & 12 ALDERSGATE ST., LONDON, E. C

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUES forwarded to the Trade on receipt of Business Card.

## New Advertisements.

### Floral Fete,

IN AID OF

St John's School,

UNDER

PATRONAGE OF MRS. SEYMOUR.

An Exhibition of Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables will be held in the grounds adjoining the Ladies College

TUESDAY, JUNE 15th.

WHEN PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED to the best specimen shown at all flowers, fruits and vegetables in season. The schedule of prizes will be advertised early next week.

A BRASS BAND will be in attendance and the show will take place under a spacious marquee. Refreshments may be had on the ground.

JUDGES:

WILLIAM FRASER, TOLMIE, ESQ., M. D.

THOMAS LOWE, ESQ.

ADMISSION—Ladies and Gentlemen, 50 cents; Children under 12 years of age, 25 cents

D. C. MAUNSELL, Hon. Sec.

#### Agents Wanted—\$10 a Day

TWO \$10 MAPS FOR \$4.

#### LLOYD'S

PATENT REVOLVING DOUBLE MAPS.

Two Continents, America and Europe, and America with the United States port on an Im-

menso Sale.

Colored—In 4000 Counties.

THESE GREAT MAPS, NOW JUST completed, 64x82 inches large, show every place of importance, all Railroads to date, and the latest alterations in the various European States. These Maps are needed in every school and family in the land, they occupy the space of one Map, and by means of the Revolver, either side can be thrown front and any part brought level to the eye. County Rights and large discounts given to good Agents.

Apply for Circulars, Terms, and send money for and see sample maps first, if not sold taken back on demand. Also ready, a 25x35 map and plate illustrating the subscription plan, "De So, the discoverer of the Mississippi River."

J. T. LLOYD,

23 Cortlandt Street, N. Y.

165 lm

#### COLONY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To wit:—Notice is hereby given, that a Special Session of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for and for the said Colony will be held at the Court House, Bastion Street, Victoria, on Monday the 24th day of June instant at the hour of twelve noon, for the purpose of granting Licenses to such persons as may be desirous of selling Wines, Spirits, &c, by Wholesale and Retail, during the ensuing half year.

A. THEARSTON,

Victoria, 31 June, 1869.

#### FOR SALE.

A SALMON NET, 450 FEET LONG, for Sale Cheap.

J. RUEFF, Wharf street.

#### WANTED IMMEDIATELY—FOR SYDNEY DIRECT.

EIGHT ABLE AND TWO OR-

inary seamen for the Ship "Anne Mary," Capt McPhail. Apply at the Shipping Office of J. NAUL.

165 lm

#### J. RUEFF,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

#### Groceries, Provisions,

ETC., ETC., ETC.

#### FRENCH PRESERVES,

Received direct from France by every Steamer.

ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT, in Bond or Duty Paid.

Victoria, B. C.

#### MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

WHEREAS MUCH ANNOYANCE HAS been caused to foot passengers by the use of Velocipedes on the sidewalks.

All are hereby cautioned against using any Velocipede on the sidewalks within the City limits except between daylight and 8 o'clock a. m.

By order

W. LEIGH, C. M. C.

Victoria, V. I., June 2, 1868.

#### NOTICE.

ANYONE POSSESSING ALL OR ANY of the undermentioned DEEDS will confer a favor on the owner of Victoria Town lot 613, by handing such deeds or deed for the purpose of effecting Registration of the title to the above lot.

H. B. CO. to Peter Baker, July 22 1858.

P. Baker to P. Boignier, May 6, 1860.

P. Boignier to Chas Gaudier, May 10, 1860.

And for the due return of which deeds an undertaking will be given by

PEARKE & DAVIS, Solicitors.

165 lm

#### NOTICE.

JURORS (SPECIAL AND COMMON) summoned for the Civil Sittings of the Supreme Court T. DAY, Thursday 3d instant, are notified that they will not be required to attend until further notice.

J. J. AUSTIN, Deputy Sheriff.

#### ARRIVAL OF

#### CHOICE WINES

DIRECT FROM FRANCE.

S. DRIARD BEGS TO INFORM THE large import of the

#### CHOICEST BURGUNDY

COMPRISING THE FOLLOWING BRANDS:

#### NUITS,

POUILLY,

CHABLIS,

ST. GEORGE,

CHAMBERTIN.

All of which he guarantees as being of the first quality, and which he has no idea to sell by Retail at the same Prices as are usually charged by the Wholesale Houses.

#### COLONIAL HOTEL,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

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#### NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned in the name of KENNEDY & LOWENBERG, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

A. F. KENNEDY will collect outstanding debts, pay all liabilities of the late firm, and continue the business upon his own account.

R. LOWENBERG, Government Street, May 28, 1869.

#### Dissolution of Partnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between Wallace & Stewart, Grain Commission Merchants, of this city, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. R. Wallace will collect outstanding debts and pay all liabilities of the late firm, and will continue his business at the old stand on his own account.

R. WALLACE, J. STEWART

Victoria, May 20th, 1869

#### WANTED.

A STEWARD FOR THE NEW WEST.

A mining man, married and preferred. Wages \$50 a month and everything found.

Extra payment for washing done for the Institution. References required.

Application to be made to the Board of Management at New Westminster, on or before the 20th inst. my24

#### New Advertisements.

### Colonial Hotel and Restaurant,

Government Street, Victoria, V. I.

This well-known Hotel has been enlarged by the addition of a Brick Building with

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#### Wants, &c.

#### FARRIER WANTED.

A GOOD FARRIER WILL FIND constant employment and sure pay by applying to W. C. BRYANT, Johnson street, near Williams' Stables.

165 lm

#### WANTED.

A YOUNG GIRL TO TAKE CARE OF children and do light housework. Apply, for address, at this office.

165 lm

#### WANTED.

A PARTNER WITH FROM \$1000 TO \$5000 is wanted to take a share in a business in this city. One who would undertake the keeping of books and the collection of accounts, or who could in some other way give some part of his time to the business, preferred.

For particulars, apply to THOMAS ALLISON, Land Agent, Government street.

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#### HEIFER FOUND.

A HEIFER STRAYED INTO THE GROUNDS of a gentleman in the vicinity, who notifies the public that if the same be not claimed within ten days from this date, it will be sold to defray expenses.

Applications must be made to THIS OFFICE and a pro per description of the animal given.

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#### CHILDREN'S BOARDING HOUSE.

MRS. ELLIOTT IS PREPARED TO BOARD MR. and MRS. children under ten years of age at Reasonable Rates. Location pleasant and healthy. Residence on Chatham street, between Quadra and Cook, Victoria, V. I.

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#### C. F. BARNARD, M. D.

Mechanical & Surgical Dentist.

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fession skillfully executed. Ether extracted without pain by the use of Chloroform, Ether, or "Rigdon's Spray."







